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In re Application of )

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Group Art Unit: 1637

Serial No.: 09/909,207 )

Examiner: Wilder, Cynthia B.

Filed: July 19, 2001 )

For: **XYLANASE, MICRORGANISMS  
PRODUCING IT, DNA MOLECULES,  
METHODS FOR PREPARING THIS  
XYLANASE AND USES OF THE LATTER** )

**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of March 5, 2003, (Paper No. 9). A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of September 5, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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